

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 10 without prejudice, add new claims 16, and amend claims 11 to 15 as follows:

Claims 1 to 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16, wherein the cutting plane (22) encloses a positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 0 to 45° with the longitudinal axis (24) of the handle (12).

12. (currently amended) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16, wherein the cutting plane (22) encloses a positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 5 to 35° with the longitudinal axis (24) of the handle (12).

13. (currently amended) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16, wherein the cutting plane (22) encloses a positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) of approximately 30° with the longitudinal axis (24) of the handle (12).

14. (currently amended) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16, wherein the stationary blade (18) and the oscillating blade (20) are embodied in the form of an interchangeable cutter head (16).

15. (currently amended) The hair cutting machine as recited in claim ~~[[10]]~~ 16,

wherein part of the oscillating blade (20) is provided with a flat covering (56).

16. (new) A haircutting machine, comprising:

a handle (12) with a front handle end;

an electric drive unit (54) contained in the handle (12); and

a cutter head (16) arranged at said front handle end;

wherein said cutter head (16) comprises a stationary blade (18) and an oscillating blade (20) disposed above the stationary blade (19) in an operating position of the handle (12) so that the stationary blade (18) and the oscillating blade (20) define a cutting plane (22) that extends there between and the cutting plane (22) is inclined downward in relation to a longitudinal axis (24) of the handle (12); and

wherein the cutting plane (22) encloses an adjustable positive inclination angle ( $\alpha$ ) of 0 to 90° to the longitudinal axis (24) of the handle and the oscillating blade (20) is adjustable in relation to the stationary blade (18) in a longitudinal direction (55) of the cutting plane (22); and

wherein the electric drive unit (54) contained in the handle (12) is connected to the oscillating blade (20) through the stationary blade (18) in order to drive the oscillating blade and the stationary blade (18) is arranged between the oscillating blade (20) and the handle (12).